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Dear Interested Parties:

The House Legislative Oversight Committee's Executive Subcommittee is currently performing an oversight study of the State Election Commission. The purpose of legislative oversight is to determine if agency laws and programs are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly and whether or not they should be continued, curtailed, or even eliminated. Any House Member may file legislation to implement the Committee's recommendations.

As public input is a cornerstone of the House legislative oversight process, the purpose of this letter is to seek input from your respective organizations about the State Election Commission. During the study of the agency, it has been suggested to the Subcommittee that potential revisions to statutes may help clarify situations relating to county boundaries, an issue which directly impacts both elections and other matters for local governments and citizens.

There are a variety of ways for the public to contribute to the Committee's oversight of this agency, including: contacting Committee staff; submitting information by mail or via the public input link on the Committee website; and providing sworn testimony during a meeting. Representatives from your respective organizations are welcome to testify at the Executive Subcommittee's next meeting on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 110 of the Blatt Building.

On behalf of the entire Executive Subcommittee, we look forward to working collaboratively with your respective organizations and the State Election Commission during the oversight process.

Sincerely,

Signature Redacted

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cc: The Honorable Laurie Slade Funderburk
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